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Dorothy is the bride-elect of Peter A. Ryan, son of Mrs. Peter A. Ryan and the late Mr. Ryan of Redwood City and Polly is engaged to wed James G. Coughlan of San Francisco, son of the Walter C. Coughlans of that city.

Another daughter, Lizette, now Mrs. Richard Lautze, was married in 1944 in a double ceremony in which Richard's twin brother, Robert, was married to Lizettes' childhood friend, the former Alice McCarthy of Redwood City. The O'Briens also have a younger daughter, Patricia.

On Christmas afternoon the two engaged couples were honor guests at an "open house" party given by Peter's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Ryan of Whipple Ave. John and Peter are coowners of Ryan's Drug Store on Broadway.

The four young people, featured in today's social news, are all graduates of California schools. Dorothy and Polly received their diplomas from the College of Notre Dame in Belmont and were also graduated from San Jose State College. Dorothy has been teaching at McKinley School in Redwood City and Polly is assitsant to Dr. Joseph Weeden in Palo Alto.

Peter served in the army during the war and prior to that was graduated from the California School of Pharmacy. James, a Santa Clara University graduate, served as a lieutenant in the navy in the South Pacific during the war.

No immediate wedding plans have been made by either couple.

Cain and Abel

Don R. Willett, 40-year-old Palo Alto bricklaying contractor, Friday night was freed of the charge of murder in the fatal stabbing of his brother, Richard, 27, last Sept. 22.

The verdict was returned in superior court at San Jose at 9:50 p.m. by a jury of six men and six women after four ballots had been taken. The jury deliberated seven hours.

Richard Willett, a war veteran, had died as the result of knife wounds suffered during a drinking party.

Mrs. Nellie Willett, the defendant's wife, had testified that during a struggle between the brothers at Don's home at 925 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto, she received a stab wound in the arm. She testified that at that time Richard was holding the knife.

Elmer D. Jensen, defense counsel, argued that Richard might have committed suicide or been killed accidentally by falling on the knife found in his hand. No witness placed on the stand had seen the knife in Don's hand, Jensen pointed out to the jurors.

In his closing arguents, Asst. Dist. Atty. Ameglio Andreuccetti had attacked the testimony of both Mrs. Nellie Willett and Mrs. Frances W. Willett, widow of Richard. He charged they "lied to protect Don." He claimed that Frances had planned to divorce Richard prior to his death.

A two-county investigation into the fatal stabbing was conducted because it was not at first ascertained whether the stabbing occurred in San Mateo County or Santa Clara County.

Peterson Seeks Funds

County Executive Frederick Peterson Tuesday asked congressmen from California to procure funds for the completion of the 112-unit temporary housing project at Coyote Point, San Mateo.

Peterson said that work on the project has stopped as a result of a Washington order issued several days ago stopping funds for all such work.

The Coyote Point project, being built for families of veterans, is nearly completed, except for various interior installations, Peterson said. More than 400 applications have been received from veterans, Peterson added.

Construction of the barracks-type buildings started last Summer, and were to have been ready for occupancy on Aug. 1, Peterson said. The county board of supervisors had appropriated $5000 to be loaned to veterans' families for use in hooking-up installations.

Peterson today sent the following telegram to Sen. William F. Knowland and Congressman Jack Z. Anderson:

"Temporary veterans' housing in San Mateo County held up for lack of funds. Urge you to ask for additional funds to complete this project as soon as possible, as these were promised for occupancy last August. Situation among veterans is deplorable."

The buildings, when completed, would be available to only veterans, Peterson said, and would rent at about $35 monthly. The buildings have been transported here from Seattle.

Asks $25,000 Damages

Helen B. Fletcher of San Mateo Monday filed suit in superior court here for $25,000 damages for in[illegible]s sustained in an automobile dent on Dec. 18.

[illegible]he suit is against Henry and [illegible]ra Baer, also of San Mateo. [illegible] charges that she sustained a [illegible]en kneecap and face injuries [illegible]e collision at the intersection [illegible]Camino Real and Mission Dr., [illegible]ateo.

Airport News

BY DON ALLAN

Hmmmm let's see. Anybody get a brand new airplane for Christmas? Charles Bennett of Burlingame took delivery on his new Navion last week, and flew it up to Palo Alto from the factory down South.

All I got was an ash-tray (second-hand) with an old style Pan-American "Clipper" perched on it, and a package of "Wings" cigarets in my stocking . . . quite an aeronautical Christmas!

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The last airplane (and the only one) I got for Christmas was a rubber-band model called a FROG. The R-O-G stood for "rises-off-ground," and I forget what the F stood for—probably "frequently." Mine frequently rose off the ground, and all was well until it crashed into the windshield of a passing car. The driver of the car nearly went off the road, and he was quite upset. He didn't seem to consider that the FROG was completely demolished.

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He had the nerve to want to give ME a spanking in return for his breaking my brand new plane. There ain't no justice.

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Number of local students soloed or earned licenses at the Palo Alto Airport recently. John Gishe of San Mateo and E. L. Marshall of San Carlos soloed and Charles Killpack got his license. Charlie just got out of the Marine Corps, and has been taking flying training while going to San Jose State.

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The CAA's year-end report on air-traffic accidents shows a 50 per cent decline in air passenger fatalities over the same period of 10 months last year. The toll is 1.14 dead passengers for each 100,000,000 commercial passenger miles flown.

Last year the figure was 2.47. The CAA points up the comparison by adding that "it is a most creditable performance especially in view of the fact that airlines this year flew far more passenger miles than they did last year."

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The screaming publicity of creashes during 1946 (the worst of which were outside of the U. S.) has created a popular impression that this has been a bad year for the airlines, and perhaps it has kept people away from air travel.

But who has given up driving his car because he read about the Christmas auto accidents, the worst in U. S. history?

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Joseph Stuart III, for the past four years the helicopter expert for the Aero Products Div., General Motors Corp., has been added to the staff of engineers of Stanley Hiller's United Helicopters Inc., which is to build a plant outside Redwood City.

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Happy landings in the New Year to you all!

Holiday Crimes

While San Mateo County was free of major crime during the Christmas holiday, a series of minor crimes was reported to the sheriff's office Monday.

Maxell Benkert of 1748 Louvaine St., Colma, reported that his house had been entered shortly before midnight last night and a woman's purse with $7 in it was taken.

The burglary occurred during a house party and guests rushed to the bedroom when a baby started crying. Burglars had gained entrance through a window.

Nothing was taken in another burglary at Bailo's Grocery, 2635 Middlefield Rd., sometime Monday night. Burglars, who sheriff's officers say probably were looking for liquor or money, jimmied open the rear door of the grocery store with a screw driver and a bar.

Another burglary was blamed by Chief Dep. Sheriff Walter Moore on juveniles. George Wilkinson, who lives in San Francisco, reported that his weekend cottage at 17th Ave. and Fair Oaks Ln. in North Fair Oaks had been entered sometime between Nov. 28 and Christmas Eve. The prowlers took nothing but had scattered flour and empty pop bottles all over the house.

Mrs. J. Harry Albert, 132 McDonald Ave., Bayshore City, reported that her car was stolen during Christmas morning. She said that she and her husband had left the car in front of their house at 10 o'clock Christmas Eve and that when they went out of the house about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon it was gone.

The Arson Case

Two Dumbarton Oaks neighbors of John T. Walker Monday were arraigned before Justice of the Peace E. I. McAuliffe on charges of arson and conspiracy to commit arson in the burning of the nearly-completed home of the Negro war veteran.

The two, John B. Arlotti, 40, and his brother-in-law, Henry R. Harkins, 23, will enter a plea on Jan. 15 at 10 a.m. Date for perliminary hearing will be set at the same time.

Both live a few doors of the razed house, Arlotti at 570 Stanford Rd., and Harkins at 557 Stanford Rd. They have admitted, Dep. Sheriff Paul Jensen says, the construction of a "Molotov Cocktail" fire bomb with a fruit jar and gasoline, but claim that they destroyed the bomb on Dec. 4, two days before Walker's house burned to the ground shortly before dawn during a heavy rainstorm.

The two were arrested by Jensen and Frank Marlow, special investigator for the district attorney's office, on Dec. 23, after 17 days of investigation. The officers absolved the pair of threats made against the Negroes living in the area, but say that Arlotti circulated one of the petitions protesting the "invasion" of the area.

News of Commuters

BY LOCOMOTIVE BILL

Nearly 100 commuters from Redwood City and San Carlos participated in the Christmas party held under the auspices of the Redwood City Commuters Club on the 7:28 train last Tuesday morning.

The party was held in a special observation car with all seats removed, equipped with bar and porter service. Egg-nogs, coffee and doughnuts were served while Al Mueller, noted San Carlos accordionist and commuter entertained the crowd with Christmas music and old-time favorites.

Tom Cutting dressed as Santa Claus, and what a fine Santa, led the singing and handed out those special gifts that are always good for laughs even that early in the morning. A number of ladies joined the party as the fair sex usually does on such occasions so that dancing was enjoyed by those gents with feathery feet, fancy steps and imbued with the Christmas spirit.

Loco hopes that those commuters who told their wives that there would be no women present will not be embarrassed at mention of ladies on the party, as such mention is purely unintentional and with malice toward none.

Pictures taken by a special photographer provided by the Southern Pacific Co. will shortly be published and therefore the incriminating evidence would be a matter of public record anyway.

Credit for success of the party goes first to the Southern Pacific Co. and their officials, Louis Chess, general passenger agent, and J. J. McDonough, district passenger agent, for providing the special car and equipment and for their valuable assistance and helpful suggestions, to Jack Welch of the Southern Pacific Co. and Commuter Club member for his assistance in arranging with the railway for the party, by Tom Cutting for originally proposing the party and for his very fine characterization of Santa Claus, to George Raubinger and Duke Martin, chairman and co-chairman of the house committee, Roy Fredlund, Dr. Ed Boyd, Cecil Campoell, Brock Brockway, Ray Cereghino, just to mention a few to all members of the committee, and to Al Mueller for his great accordion playing.

As the old year draws to a close and a new one soon begins, commuters find some unfinished business as they take an inventory of those problems of interest to them in their daily traveling on the trains and buses.

The most important event of the year was the increase in commutation fares brought about by increased costs of operation to the Southern Pacific Co.

To counteract the increase in out-of pocket expense to commuters was the proposal advanced by commuters that the railway company issue a special commute ticket for those commuters only traveling to San Francisco five days each week.

This proposal is still listed as unfinished business but predictions are freely made that during the new year the railway company will recognize the logic of the proposal and with steadily increasing income agree to issue a special commutation ticket.

On the asset side of the ledger can be listed greatly improved transportation provided by the Southern Pacific Co. with many coaches redone with new cushioned seats and other trimmings.

Schedules of trains have been generally maintained with sufficient cars on all trains.

On the liability end there was a greatly deteriorated street car service from Third and Townsend Sts., in San Francisco, although at year's end some slight improvement was taking place with street cars generally meeting trains as they arrived in San Francisco. Additional buses were also being provided for the commuter service. The failure of the Martin Bus Lines in Redwood City to meet trains arriving after 6 p.m. was causing inconvenience but commuters were hopeful that the bus company would correct this in the new year.

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PERSONALS: Commuter friends of Miles McDonald will be glad to learn that he has made a splendid recovery after suffering a slight heart attack shortly before Christmas.

Starting next week the commuters column will be written by our old friend Gene Hoffman, a former resident of the commuters club, an old-time newspaper man and a great columnist. Gene, who originated this column several years ago under the pen name of Joe Caboose, will be welcomed back by his host of admirers.

He was taken ill early this year and was forced to forego writing but is now back in health and ready to bring to his readers those interesting, entertaining and instructive articles for which he is so well known.

As for Loco, we were glad to fill in for Gene during the past several months in our amateurish sort of way and sincerely hope that we haven't discouraged too many readers from reading the column by our line of chatter.

Happy New Year to everyone.

This A.M. Was Cold

Monday was an excellent day for the wearing of long john underwear.

Fireman Walter Genochio who keeps Redwood City's weather records at the No. 2 Fire Station, said that the low Monday morning was 30 degrees, a temperature that matched the low for the year set last month.

If you haven't noticed—30 degrees is just two degrees below freezing—that white stuff on your windshield Monday morning was ice.

He Faces Trouble

Hilliet LeRoy Johnson, 28-year-old Negro, may face a charge of murder in the death of Grant Francis White Monday night, Dep. Fred Wyckoff said Monday.

White, 21-year-old Coast Guard veteran, was killed in a head-on collision with Johnson's car on Bayshore Hwy., near San Mateo, after the latter had been chased by San Carlos police who suspected him of an attempted burglary.

Johnson, who is in Community Hospital under guard, suffering from a bullet wound in the thigh, has developed pneumonia, but hospital authorities Monday said that his condition was not serious.

Wyckoff Monday morning said that he was studying the complaint, but was not yet ready to take action. He admitted, however, that under the California Penal Code, Johnson could be charged with murder.

The code provides that any person who kills another while engaged in or attempting another crime, such as burglary, shall be guilty of murder. Capt. E. F. Cassell of the California State Highway Patrol has said that a complaint of manslaughter would be sworn against Johnson.

Johnson was routed by San Carlos policemen who found him sitting in his parked car in back of the Carlos Market about 11 o'clock Monday. He was wounded when the officers emptied their guns at him as he was fleeing.

After he was taken to Community Hospital, Johnson told policemen that he had been waiting for a partner who "had walked down the street." Police also found that the Carlos Market had been entered, and surmised that Johnson's partner had fled upon hearing the shots.

A Stanford Bride

The newlywedded Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mansfield Wise, the former Nettie Suhlsen of Redwood City, who were married recently in a formal ceremony at the Stanford Memorial Church, have returned from their honeymoon and are now getting settled in their home in Woodside.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Suhlsen of this city, was given in marriage by her father. She wore a gown of white satin fashioned with a sweetheart neckline and long pointed sleeves. Her three-quarter length veil was held in place with a coronet of carnations and bouvardia and she carried a bouquet of the same flowers centered with an orchid.

Mrs. Cyrus Baker Hovig, the former Joan Ross of this city, was matron of honor. She wore a gown of violet taffeta and carried a muff of violet and flame colored carnations. The bridesmaids, Roberta Ramsey of Menlo Park, Mariann Hayes of San Jose, Jacklynn Palm of Redwood City and June Robertson of San Carlos, wore gowns of violet and flame to match the maid of honor's. They were made with a bustle effect and the girls wore matching mitts. They all carried muffs of white satin with violet and flame colored flowers.

Four-year-old Sharon Killingsworth, niece of the bridegroom, as flower girl wore a flame colored dress and carried a nosegay of violets.

Mr. O. R. Killingsworth of Palo Alto was best man and ushers were Harold Christensen of Palo Alto, Richard Misenhimer, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, Warren Bernard of San Jose and Vincent Wise. Bishop Richard Sonne of Palo Alto performed the ceremony. Marji Black of San Jose State College, was soloist.

Palms, white chrysanthemums and snapdragons decorated the hall of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Palo Alto for the reception. Mrs. Suhlsen wore a long brown dress with a pink flowered hat and an orchid corsage. Mrs. A. M. Wise of Palo Alto, mother of the bridegroom, was in purple with a pansy colored hat and gloves and she too, wore an orchid. Over 200 guests watched the newlyweds cut the five tiered wedding cake.

Nettie donned a green gabardine suit with brown accessories and the orchid from her bridal bouquet as she left for her honeymoon. She was graduated from Sequoia High School and San Jose State College, and has been associated at the Child Care Center since that time. She is a member of the Ero Sophian Society. Robert is now majoring in engineering at San Jose State.

Clark Somers

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Clark S. Somers, 64, who died Sunday morning in Palo Alto Hospital.

Mr. Somers was a native of Ohio, but had lived in Redwood City for the past 21 years at 20 Hilltop Dr. He was a rate adviser for the Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

He leaves his wife, Lillian E. Somers, a daughter, Mrs. Thelma Fantozzi and three grandchildren, Lamoine, Sandra and Wahneta Fantozzi, all of Los Angeles.

Interment at Alta Mesa Memorial Park followed services at the Layng & Tinney Funeral Home.

Girl Scouts Plan

Mrs. Cliff Hatton, Woodhaven Camp chairman for the Sequoia Dist Girl Scouts, Saturday announced that progres is being made to prepare the camp for year 'round use.

Mrs. A. S. Kalenborn, Woodhaven finance committee chairman, asked that friends of girl scouting make contributions to pay off a bank loan and to make necessary improvements to the camp, on La Honda Rd.

Persons interested in making contributions may contact Mrs. Kalenborn in San Carlos or the Girl Scout office here.

Cicil Service Rules

The County Civil Service Commission has drafted a complete set of rules for county employes, Russell J. Cooney, secretary of the commission, announced Monday.

A public hearing on the rules will be held in the courthouse on Jan. 21, Cooney said. Drafts of the rules today were distributed to all county officials, department heads and employe organizations.

Cooney said that the 25 rules cover all matters of personnel administration under civil service, such as regulations governing salaries, classifications, vacations, holidays, sick leaves, promotions, examinations, transfers, layoffs and dismissals.

Some of the main features of the rules, as evaluated by Cooney, will be:

1. Opportunity to qualify for promotion to better jobs when vacancies occur will be offered to permanent employes—thus furthering a "career service" in county government based on merit and fitness. The commission believes that such opportunities for promotion will help to attract well qualified personnel into county employment.

2. Pay increases are dependent upon each employee's performance on the job as measured by performance rating, or "efficiency reports," as they are known some places. Employes' performance will be rated by department heads.

3. An orderly plan of lay-off in case of reduction of force, is provided, which gives due weight to length of service with the county.

4. Regular employes are allowed one day per full month of service with pay as an accumulation which may be used when they are sick. Any illness lasting longer than three days for which the employe claims sick leave with pay, must be supported by a certificate from the employe's physician.

5. The 11 regular holidays which employes working in the courthouse now receive will be extended to all employes of the county including those at the various institutions. At present institutional personnel are allowed only six holidays. The commission feels that this new provision corrects an inequity which has existed in the past. Eleven holidays are authorized under state law and this applies in all counties of the state.

6. Vacation leave will be earned by employes in the same way as sick leave. That is, employes will accumulate one day of earned vacation leave for each full month of employment.

Cooney said that the new rules will be the first comprehensive set pased by the commission since the inception of civil service in January, 1943.

"The emergency situation which the commission faced due to civil service coming in during the war years made impracticable the formulation of a comprehensive set of rules such as these," Cooney said.

"During the war years rules were issued periodically in piecemeal fashion, each rule usually arising out of and covering some specific issue which was presented to the commission for decision. The commission believes the new rules are just, not only in the benefits they allow employes but also in the restrictions placed upon them.

"The door is open for any recommendations and suggestions, and these will be welcomed by the commission," Cooney said.

A Good Lesson

Christmas dinner was finished. Littered plates were scattered about on the tablecloth. Half-emptied glasses brushed against the holly and poinsettia decorations.

The grown-ups had gone into the living room of the East Palo Alto house, to relax in easy chairs, unbutton vests and wish they had not decided to wear girdles.

The 15-year-old son of the house wandered into the vacant dining room. The glasses with the liquor attracted his attention.

I've never had a drink, he thought to himself. Wonder what it tastes like?

H-m-mm. Not bad.

He took another sip.

An hour later, a deputy sheriff found him walking not too regularly near his home.

This morning, he was at the juvenile home, and Chief Probation Officer J. S. Cowgill said that he looked a litle greenish.

This noon he was still sleeping it off.

When he awoke, he asked for a glass of water.

Jail Two Motoristc

Two persons were in county jail Monday under $100 bail each after their arrests by California Highway Patrol officers on charges of drunken driving.

Charles Woodrow Bell, 31, San Jose lunch counter manager, was arrested shortly before midnight Saturday on Bayshore Hwy. near San Mateo. He is to appear before Justice of the Peace Hugh F. Mullin Jr., in San Mateo on Jan. 3.

William T. Milleman, 30, stores officer at the Oakland naval supply depot, was arrested at 8 p.m. Sunday on Bayshore Hwy. near Tunnel Hill. He is to appear Jan. 9 before Justice of the Peace John J. Fahey Jr., in South San Francisco.

Pigeon Pt. Annex Plan

The San Mateo County board of supervisors will hold a hearing on Jan. 21 on a petition for annexing the Pigeon Point Elementary School District to Pescadero.

The petition was signed by residents of Pigeon Point, who said that an agreement for the annexation had been reached with Pescadero school officials.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Franklin, 418 Hoover St., Redwood City, a daughter was born in the Palo Alto Hospital on Dec. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Warren Banta, 787 Elm St., San Carlos, a daughter was born at Mills Memorial Hospital on Dec. 29.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Haskings, 2809 El Camino Real, a daughter was born on Dec. 29 at Mills Memorial Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pierson, 2235 Carmelita Dr., San Carlos, a daughter was born at Mills Memorial Hospital on Dec. 29.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wendell D. Adamson, Redwood City, a daughter was born in San Francisco on Dec. 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilder, 725 Cambridge Ave., Menlo Park, a son was born on Dec. 28 in the Palo Alto Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Howard White, 236 Park Ln., Atherton, a daughter was born in the Palo Alto Hospital on Dec. 29.

To Mr. and Mrs. Anselmo Madrigal, 940 O'Connor St., East Palo Alto, a son was born in the Palo Alto Hospital on Dec. 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert DuPrat, 111 Hilltop Dr., Redwood City, a son was born in the Palo Alto Hospital on Dec. 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Don Hogan, 1003 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, a daughter was born in the Palo Alto Hospital on Dec. 24.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson, 2401 El Camino Real, Redwood City, a daughter was born at Mills Hospital on Dec. 24.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Breton, 540 MacArthur Ave., Redwood City, a daughter was born at Mills Hospital on Dec. 24.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Craner, 140 Eaton Ave., San Carlos, a daughter was born at Mills Hospital on Dec. 24.

A Dirty Trick

Hijackers stole $1200 worth of lumber from a home construction job on Hetch Hetchv Way and Sevier St., East Palo Alto, during Christmas week, August Greenbach reported to sheriff's officers Monday.

The lumber, which belonged to the Bay District Builders Inc., consisted of window sashes and frames, stucco and rustic frames and other lumber used in the construction of homes.

It had been stacked outside of a warehouse and Chief Dep. Sheriff Walter Moore said that marks in the ground indicated the use of a large truck.

Another theft of construction equipment was reported to sheriff's officers by Francis Turner of the Anderson & Rowe contractors, San Francisco.

Several wheels and tires which would fit an automobile were removed Saturday night from a welding machine used by the contractors at San Francisco Airport. No value was set on the equipment taken.

Lt. Helen Tracy

Lt. Helen Tracy of Redwood City, army dietician at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco, and Don E. Satterberg of San Francisco were married on Thursday, Dec. 26, in an informal ceremony in Reno Nev., at the St. Stephen's Chapel by the Rev. Theodore H. Kerstetter.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tracy of 336 Edgewood Rd. has been in the army for the past three years. She is a graduate of the Long Beach Polytechnic High School and of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Mitchell of this city, were planning to fly to Reno to attend the couple but weather conditions grounded the planes and they were unable to make the trip. Helen also has a younger sister and brother, Carol and Charles Tracy, who attend Sequoia High School.

For her wedding the bride wore a pale blue dressmaker suit with black accessories and an orchid corsage. She was attended by Mrs. Kerstetter and Joseph F. Frame performed best man duties.

After a honeymoon in and around Reno the couple will return to reside in San Francisco temporarily until the home they are building in Belmont is completed. Mr. Satterberg is a veteran of the army.

Helen is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mary French of Long Beach and of Mrs. Mabel Stockton of Portland.

New Chamber Directors

E. W. Butler, manager of the Redwood City Chamber of Commerce, Monda yannounced results of the annual election of officers

Elected to the board of directors: John Ryan (reelected), C. G. Uhlenberg, G. E. Towne, and Henry Maier. Holdover members: Cuthbert Currie, Walter T. (Bud) Kellogg, Stanley Perkins and T. A Rhorabough.

Votes were counted Monday morning by J. Elmer Morrish, Fred B. Walker and Butler.

The new board of directors will organize and elect 1947 officers next Monday, Butler announced.

Damaged by Fire

Flames from a wood-burning heater were named Monday as the cause of a fire which damaged the home of Anthony Dedo, Summit Rd., Woodside, Saturday evening.

The fire was discovered at 6 p.m. Saturday by a member of the family who returned to the empty house and found the wall in back of the heater in flames.

Neighbors had extinguished the blaze with a garden hose by the time the Woodside Fire Dept. arrived at the scene.

Your Garden

BY ROLLY LANGLEY

Has your garden failed to make progress this month? Does it appear to just stand there, regardless of how you fertilized the soil, and as though you never did cultivate it? I'd be very surprised if you had anything different to report, because "them's the conditions that have prevailed" in most parts of the state.

As the Department of Agriculture officially reported the situation: "The lack of sunshine has held many vegetable crops to a slow growth, and very little advancement has been made during the past two weeks."

When you garden under the blue sky, you take what comes, and sunshine can't be forced. You take what you get. It was Mark Twain who said that the thing we talk about most, and do least about, is the weather. It's certainly so.

But thousands of greenthumbers are going to do something about it, nonetheless. They are thoroughly ripe prospects for greenhouses. They wait for no more encouragement than a reasonable price on 'the makin's."

It seems to me that if there is one phase of prefabricated house building that lends itself to exploitation with an absolute minimum of sales resistance, it is prefabricated greenhouse construction. The arguments about lack of individuality, etc., don't hold, because people don't expect a lot of different designs. All they ask is a range of sizes and a reasonable price.

Of course there have been numerous manufacturers of prefabricated greenhouses, but too many of them have considered their products as luxury items which would have only limited sale, and must, therefore, be marked up so that each house could pay for a lot of overhead.

That's all wrong, in my opinion. There's a huge market waiting.

Remember Henry Ford's original plan of putting out a car cheap enough for low-income families? He decided to go for mass sales on a small margin of profit per unit. His policy probably had great influence on the price of all automobiles. Certainly his method furnished a pattern for big — really big — business.

If some manufacturer would make greenhouses in volume, and price them low enough, so that the the average greenthumber could buy one without feeling he was paying at a luxury rate, I think that builder would enjoy tremendous business. Certainly he'd be doing greenthumbers a big service

Growing flowers and vegetables under glass out of season is plenty of fun. I did it on a fairly large scale one Winter a number of years back in a greenhouse 100 feet long I grew cucumbers, snap beans, tomatoes, dahlias, zinnias, begonias—a fine variety of both vegetables and flowers.

They did remarkably well, although the only control was on temperature and wind. The greenhouse didn't have artificial lighting, which is necessary for best results. Plants will grow satisfactorily with artificial lights — and ordinary electric light bulbs, with reflectors will do the job. Much research work has been done on this, and data is available on just what size bulbs should be used and how far they should be spaced from the plants during various stages of growth.

As stated, the greenhouse in which I worked was equipped with lights, but there was enough sunlight to enable the plants to make as fast growth as they would normally out of doors in season. Temperature control night and day helped make up for the cloudy days

When you walk into a greenhouse full of out-of-season plants, the splatter of rain on the glass roof makes sweet music — akin to the feeling of a fire on the hearth on a cold stormy night.

When a greenhouse is very small, too much — too high a percentage of the space is taken up by the walk-way. I've seen tiny greenhouses where 50 per cent of the floor space wasn't, couldn't be, in production.

Talking with Dave Ferguson of Palo Alto the other day, and he has an idea. . . . Buying a second-hand showcase, putting in electric coils, and at least getting his plants started under controlled conditions.

Walker Fund

The Redwood City Tribune, acting trustee for the reward fund for apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for burning the home of John T. Walker, this week acknowledged the following receipts:

Palo Alto Pro America	$ 20.00
Jacob Kasanin Chapter, AVC	10.00
Previously acknowledged	476.55
Total	$506.55

Reserve Officer

Eighty reserve officers and their wives and friends attended a joint Christmas party at Gunst Hall in Burlingame recently, given by the Reserve Officers' Assn.

Ornaments were brought by members for the Christmas tree which was later won and taken home by Lt. Leonard Janes. Other prizes went to Mrs. H. G. Cotton and Lt. Phillip Ellridge.

Christmas greens and berries decorated the hall and refreshments were served.

Serving on the committee were Maj. and Mrs. C. T. Bristow, Maj. and Mrs. John T. Barr, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Charles G. Chapman, Lt. and Mrs. Richard Leavitt, Maj. and Mrs. Chester R. Williams, Maj. Enoch L. Richardson and Mmes. Steve Sanguinetti, Carl Garrison, Everett J. Hubbard, J. G. Brown, Ralph W. Clark and V. R. Bentley.

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Register for Draft

The war may be over, but the 18-year-old males who fail to register for the draft are still subject to the penalties of the Selective Service Act. This warning was voiced Tuesday by George Paul, chief clerk of Selective Service Board 106.

Paul disclosed that the board is experiencing considerable difficulty with 18-year-olds who neglect to register.

Although all selective service offices in the county have been transferred to 215 B St., San Mateo, youths in the Redwood City-San Carlos-Belmont area may register at the offices of Arthur Swift, board chairman, at the Standard Printing Co., 870 Jefferson Ave., Paul said.

Stolen Automobile

An automobile belonging to Lois Hardiman, 281 Ruby St., was stolen and recovered yesterday, Police Sgt. E. G. (Pat) Fogarty said today.

The vehicle, left parked with keys in the ignition, was taken from Hamilton and Theater Sts. between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. It was recovered by Redwood City police in the 900 block of Valota Rd. early this morning.

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She's Engaged

Another local girl to join the bride-elect ranks on Christmas Eve is Miss Sarah Fabbro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Fabbro of 2915 El Camino Real, whose engagement to Joseph Balocco of this city was announced at a family party on the night before Christmas.

The party was given at the home of the bride-elect's sister, Mrs. Angelo Franceschini, the former Margaret Fabbro, on Selby Ln. in Atherton. Sarah also has another sister, Miss Agnes Fabbro, and two brothers, Jim and Frank Fabbro.

The bridegroom-to-be, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Balocco of Orchard Ave., served with the army overseas in Germany during the war. He attended Sequoia High School before entering the service. He has three brothers, Emil, Victor and Michael and two sisters, Antoinette and Elsie.

Sarah was graduated from Notre Dame in Belmont and is now employed at the First National Bank in Redwood City.

MR. AND MRS. CHESTER WILSON accompanied a group of young boys to the snow at Strawberry over the New Year holiday. Mr. Wilson is a Boy Scout leader here.

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Pair Routed

Two women fled in their night clothes in the predawn hours this morning as a fire, whipped by a strong wind, razed their five-room house at Rockaway Beach.

The house was listed a total loss this morning by Dep. County Fire Warden Earl Peterson. Peterson estimated the loss at about $5000, and said that the house was insured for only $1400.

The owner of the house, Mrs. Marie Cox, a widow, and her daughter Shirley, 25, of San Francisco, had returned to the house about 4 o'clock this morning and gone to bed.

They were aroused about 5 o'clock by smoke and flames and fled to the house of a neighbor.

Peterson said that when he arrived with a crew of eight volunteer firemen the house already was "a blazing torch." Together with six firemen from the Rockaway Beach Fire Dept. they trained six hoses on the house, but the fire already had too great a start.

Firemen feared that a neighboring house also would burn, so they called the Pedro Valley Fire Dept. in for help. Six men responded, and together with Peterson's crew they drenched the neighbor's house and succeeded in keeping the flames from it.

Peterson this morning said that the frame of the burned house still was standing, but that the floor, roof and interior walls all had burned. Also lost in the fire were the furniture, clothing and personal belongings.

Peterson said he did not know the cause of the fire, but said that he thought it could have started either from faulty wiring or from the fireplace, near which the fire was blazing especially strongly.

$75,000 Damages

An automobile accident following a New Year's Eve dance at Half Moon Bay last year resulted Tuesday in the filing in superior court here of a $75,000 damage suit.

The damage suit stems from the death of a 19-year-old soldier and injuries suffered by three others of the party who were hurt in the accident.

The suit was filed by the parents of the dead boy and the fathers of two girls hurt in the accident and one of the victims himself, against Victor Mazrin, Pedro Valley rancher.

Almond J. Labounty Jr. was killed in the accident which occurred on Coast Hwy. near Sharp Park about 1 o'clock in the morning last Jan. 1. The girl with him, Alice Lovier of Sharp Park sustained head injuries as did Beverly Spurlock, 17, aiso of Sharp Park, who was with Thomas Naylor, 21, of Colma.

New 1947 Babies

The stork took no New Year's holiday Tuesday night, and at least six babies were born to San Mateo County residents during the first few hours of 1947.

A girl was the first newcomer to survey the scene.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lore Radich, 200 Manor Dr., San Carlos. She was born one minute after midnight in a San Francisco hospital.

The year's first set of twins was born at Mills Memorial Hospital in San Mateo. They are the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kanewski, 1005 McCue St., San Carlos. They were born at 2:33 and 2:53 a.m., and weighed 3 pounds, and 3 pounds 4 ounces, respectively.

Mrs. Gunnar M. Tosch, 1509 El Camino Real, Burlingame, gave birth to a 7 pound, 6 ounce boy at Mills Hospital.

At Palo Alto Hospital, meanwhile, two girls were born a few hours later. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Leonard, 400 Upton St., Redwood City, became the parents of a daughter at 2:25 a.m. and Mr. and Mrs. Antone Hernandez, 2736 Morland St., Redwood City, at 5:49 a.m.

The last babies of 1946 were born to Mrs. Charles Thaxton, Belmont, a son at 9:23 last night at Mills Hospital; and a son to Mrs. Abe Granish, San Carlos, at 10:03 p.m. at Palo Alto Hospital.

The storks which ordinarily do a thriving business at Community Hospital in San Mateo, and at South San Francisco Hospital, took a holiday. Neither hospital had a birth during the night.

San Carlos OES

San Carlos Chapter 551, Order of Eastern Star, held its regular meeting and Christmas party on Thursday evening, Dec. 26, under the leadership of Laura Prince, worthy matron, and Ferd Prince, worthy patron, and the newly installed officers.

After the business session, Hazel Lower gave three humorous readings. Santa Claus arrived and distributed gifts and refreshments were served.

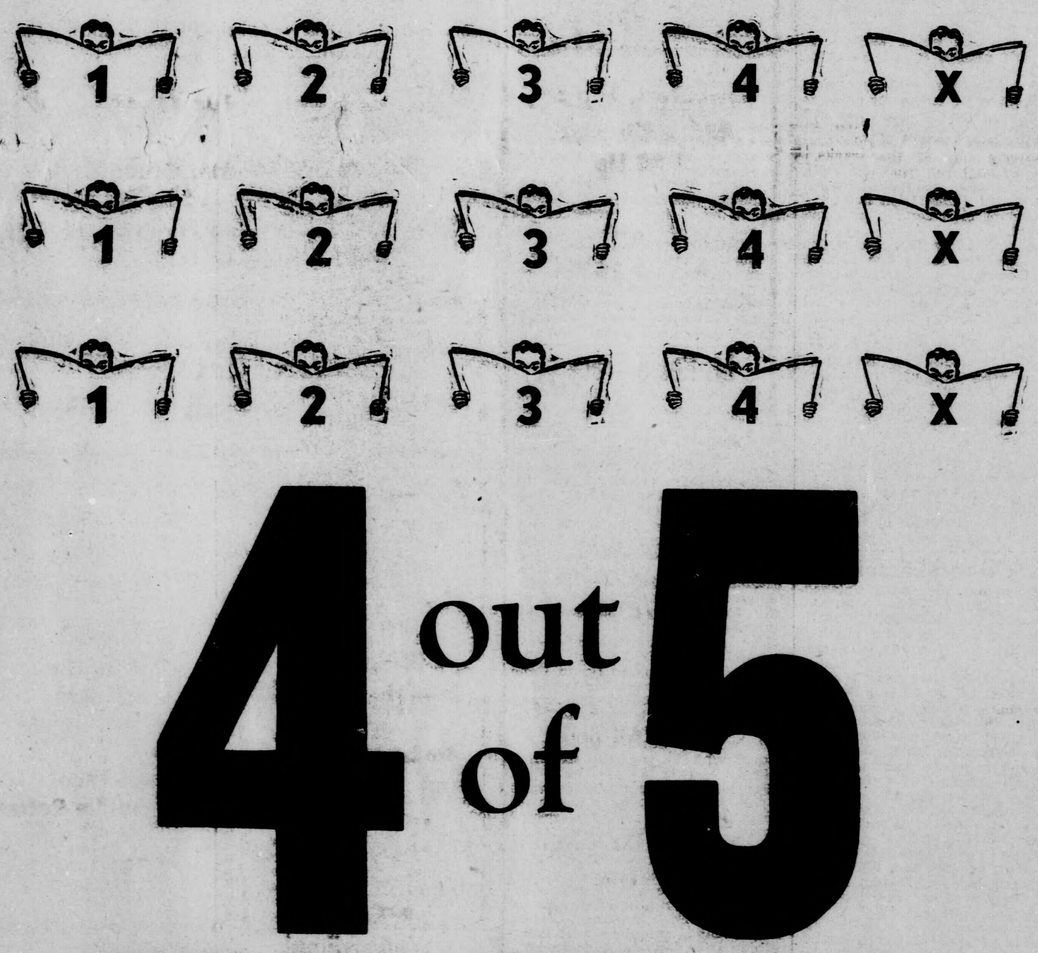
Bessie Poston and Charles Mathieson were in charge of the entertainment and refreshments for the evening.

To Start Installation

Installation of Redwood City parking meters will definitely get under way Thursday, City Mgr. E. W. Blom said Tuesday.

S. E. Keenen, Park-O-Meter Corp. representative, has contracted with Peter Sorensen, contractor, for the installation, Blom stated.

There are 504 meters already on hand in the city. Meter operation will be started probably by Jan. 15.



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TOMATO JUICE	LADY LEE	Tall No. 2 Can 2/21c		CATSUP	Del Monte. (TOMATO) 14-oz. Bottle 20c
BEETS	Lady Lee SLICED	Tall No. 2 Can	14c	CHILI SAUCE	DEL MONTE 12-oz. Bottle 25c
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OPEN EVENINGS AND SUNDAYS

P.A. Man Killed; 1946 Toll For SM County Rises to 96

San Mateo County residents observed New Year's Eve with few accidents on the highways, but one of these resulted in the death of a Palo Alto man.

Eugene M. McGowan, 39, P.O. Box 93, Palo Alto, died Wednesday at Palo Alto Hospital of injuries sustained at 12:25 a.m. when he was struck by a car as he was crossing El Camino Real at Cedar St., Menlo Park.

McGowan had left a party at a home near where he was struck shortly after midnight. Brice Reid, 37, of 232 Hemlock St., Redwood City, the driver of the car, said that he did not see McGowan, who was dressed in dark clothes, and who he said evidently darted in front of his car. Reid, who was returning home from work at the time of the accident, was not held.

McGowan, an army veteran who had been discharged on Nov. 19, 1945, was working as a cook at Stanford University. He was married, but his wife's address is not known. He was a member of Palo Alto Eagles Lodge No. 2360.

The body is at Roller and Hapgood Mortuary, Palo Alto, pending funeral arrangements.

In other accidents in the county, only three persons were injured.

Hamilton Howard, 36, of 1167 Walnut St., San Carlos, was in Mills Memorial Hospital Wednesday morning with a fractured right leg. He was struck by a car driven by Herman Blosche, 32, San Jose machinist, at 1:40 a.m. on Skyline Blvd., a mile south of the Half Moon Bay intersection.

Howard was walking along the highway when struck. He had stepped from the car of Charles J. McBride, San Carlos, when the latter had a flat tire.

The county meanwhile recorded its 96th fatality for 1946 Tuesday night with the death of Alfonso Gri, 49, of 220 Second Ave., San Mateo, at South San Francisco Hospital. Mr. Gri was injured early Christmas morning when his car struck the rear of an army truck on El Camino Real in Colma.

Harry Penn, 58, of San Francisco, escaped with bruises, and his passenger, Miss Lulu Daly, without injury, when the car in which they were riding plunged over a 50-foot embankment on Coast Hwy. near Windy Pt. about 6 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Penn told Dep. Sheriff Harry Walters that he was blinded by headlights from oncoming traffic and lost control of his car, which overturned several times.

Another miraculous escape was chalked up Wednesday by a young couple who were returning to their homes in Niles after a New Year's Eve celebration.

The car driven by Alfred W. Gorman Jr., 20, plunged off the approach to the San Mateo bridge a half mile west of the toll plaza, tore out 50 feet of guard rail, knocked down a power pole and plunged over a 10-foot embankment.

When he found the engine of his car still running, Gorman backed the car a few feet and struck the high tension wires which were on the ground. Sparks and blue flame shot up, but Gorman and his passenger, Thelma Collier, 24, managed to get out of the car without injury.

Highway patrolmen Wednesday attributed the relative quiet on highways to newspaper campaigns warning motorists not to drive during New Year's Eve after they had been drinking.

Paul E. Mueller, 31, of Daly City, however, was arrested by the highway patrol one minute after midnight on a charge of drunken driving. He was released on $100 bail, and is to appear before Justice of the Peace John J. Fahey Jr. in South San Francisco on Jan. 16.

Also arrested on the drunk driving charge was Carl L. Haas, 46, Millbrae automobile dealer. He was picked up at 5:15 Tuesday night, released on $100 bail, to appear before Fahey on Jan. 9.

The highway patrol Wednesday reported that its officers, who had maintained an all-night vigil on county roads, issued about 50 warnings and citations to motorists for various offenses of which running through stop signs headed the list.

Dangers of highway travel on New Year's Eve were so thoroughly impressed on the public in the south end of the county that highways and roadside drink-and-dine establishments were almost deserted.

A few did normal week-end business but mostly the extra holiday employes stood around with nothing to do.

A number reported late requests for catering and liquor service at private homes.

One proprietor said he had 27 cancellations in the late afternoon. He said he didn't mind as long as the traffic toll was cut down.

"SOBER" NEW YEAR'S THROUGH NATION

The nation, too, spent a relatively sober New Year's, the Associated Press reported. A total of 32 fatalities in the air and on highways was reported this morning, far below the 130 expected by the National Safety Council. The nationwide figure included the deaths of three men and two women in a spectacular crash of an air freighter near Charleston, S. C.

'Teen Age Dance

The Ravenswood School auditorium will be the setting on Saturday, Jan. 3, for a 'teen age dance sponsored by the San Mateo County ...creation Dept. under the direc... of Ralph Shaw.

...cle Harding and Phil Wolcott, in... men of arrangements for the ...mal dance, announced that ...s only will be admitted. Bids ... obtained at the door for ...llar a couple, they said. ...and Her Boy Friends" will ...usic for dancing and re... ...s will be served.

Elections, Newton Slayings, Deaths of Ryan, McNutt Top SM County News During Year

BY DON ALLAN

This year was an election year, and both locally and nationally the most significant news stories of 1946 centered on election results. In the June primaries the voters reflected the national trend toward the Republican party by giving Jack Z. Anderson a majority on both tickets. Anderson was returned to Congress in the November elections, and Republican Richard Dolwig was sent to the state assembly.

Redwood City's elections in April placed William Werder, Carl Britschgi and Arthur Swift on the city council, which reelected W. W. Hilton as mayor. In other city elections, in March, a $600,000 bond issue for the Elementary School Dist. was approved, while a $1,500,000 bond proposal for the Sequoia High School Dist. was rejected at the polls.

The county elections featured a close race which saw Gilbert D. Ferrell edge out Dennis Hession for district attorney. James McGrath defeated his former assistant, Lawrence Nieri, for the post of sheriff, and Fred Beer was retained as controller. Edward McDonald and Martin Poss both were reelected to the board of supervisors.

The November elections found Dolwig defeating Evans Fletcher for assemblyman, and featured a string of seven county bond issues of which four were passed: Juvenile Home, Relief Home building, Community Hospital addition, Canyon Sanitarium building. Rejected were Veterans' Memorial buildings, County jail expansion and Health Center expansion.

On the same ballot two county charter amendments, one establishing a Sequoia Hospital Dist. and the other regulating supervisors' salaries were both passed.

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Early in the year, on Jan. 3, the county lost an outstanding public servant in Judge Maxwell McNutt, who died after long service in superior court here. Atty. Edmund Scott was named his successor two weeks later.

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Redwood City was grieved Dec. 7 at the death of Mark Ryan, for 30 years fire chief, and throughout his lifetime closely associated with the growth of the city, which he served for two terms as mayor.

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Violent death, inevitably, held the spotlight during the year, but most sensational was the case of Vorhes Newton, the young Alameda glazier who hanged himself in the county jail as the climax to his trial for the slaying in June of his two baby daughters near Montara and the attempted murder of his wife, Lorraine.

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Strikes, economic convulsions of the reconversion to a peacetime economy, were prominent in the news. The strike of AFL butchers in the county for Monday closing cut off the county's meat supply for five weeks.

The Redwood City plant of Johns-Manville nearly closed for good, but reopened in October after being strike-bound since April 29. Strikes also touched the S&W plant, and Peter Sorensen, while a bay-wide machinists' strike split the labor ranks in February. The national strikes of telephone and railway workers and meat packers were also felt locally.

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A plan to move the county seat and erect a courthouse in Belmont or the San Mateo area grew from complaints over the lack of parking space around the present building into a full-fledged program, still being considered by the County Planning Commission and the supervisors.

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The burning of the partially-completed Dumbarton Oaks home of Negro Veteran John T. Walker Dec. 6 aroused a storm of protests throughout the Bay Area. The arson was accompanied by threats against Walker's life, and notes signed "KKK."

Two have been arrested on suspicion of arson, but the case is still in progress.

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Scarcely a week passed in 1946 without death hogging the headlines. San Mateo County highways were the scene of 95 traffic fatalities, a record death toll.

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Another, and more encouraging source of significant news was the county building inspector's office. Building in the county and in San Mateo County cities reached a peak in 1946 as thousands of new residents flocked to the Peninsula. Foretelling new prosperity — and new responsibilities — was the record county building evaluation figure of over $30,000,000 for the year, with some 2300 new homes. Redwood City counted 455 new homes and a valuation of $4,000,000 in new construction, while San Carlos registered the most phenomenal growth with 501 homes and a building record of more than $5,000,000.

More Trouble

Albert Ichelson, recently the target of an extortion gang in Oakland Tuesday was sued for $3845 back pay and horse racing winnings by a former employe, Noble Winfield Treewitt.

In the suit Treewitt charged that Ichelson, a prominent San Francisco and Redwood City horseman, refused to rehire him at his old job of horse trainer after Treewitt's release from the army.

Treewitt trained Ichelson's horses prior to March, 1944, when he entered the army. He asked judgment of $2900 representing back pay claimed due from January, when he was discharged from the army, until he later was employed as trainer for the Janss Investment Co.'s Canejo Ranch near Los Angeles. In addition, he asked $945 as 10 per cent of Ichelson's known winnings between Mar. 8 and May 28.

The complaint said Ichelson paid him $400 a month and 10 per cent of the winnings on his horses before 1944. Ichelson's horses now are running at Santa Anita.

In San Francisco Tuesday Ichelson testified at preliminary hearing of Seattle real estate dealer Ben Gromet, charged with a $10,000 extortion attempt against the turfman and hotel owner. Ichelson declared that Gromet's voice "seemed to be the same" as the voice of the man who telephoned extortion instructions early this month. A criminologist also identified Gromet's handwriting as the same as that used on extortion notes.

Gromet, whose car was used for the extortionists' getaway vehicle and was riddled by the bullets of Oakland police and Redwood City Police Chief C. L. Collins as it fled from a police trap in Oakland, has denied complicity, and declared that his car had been stolen. He has been held under $10,000 bond in San Francisco since his arrest Dec. 13.

Tryouts for New Play

Tryouts for "Room Service," the next production of the Menlo Park Players Guild, will be held Friday at 8 p. m. at the American Legion Hall on Laurel St., Bob Bettencourt, director, announced Tuesday.

Tryouts will be open to anyone, whether members of the guild or not. The play calls for 12 men and two women, which is unusual, Mr. Bettencourt said, and will give men actors a special chance to take part.

"Room Service," written by John Murry and Allen Boretz, will be produced by the players on February 27 and 28 and March 1. The farce is laid in a hotel room, and is the story of a group of actors who try to get backing for their play and at the same time keep their hotel room.

A new system, making use of activity cards, has been introduced in the guild, Mr. Bettencourt said. Members indicate on the cards their special interests within the acting field and the information is used when committees are appointed.

Nelle Clare Elected

Nelle Clare was elected chief companion of the Companions of the Forests of America, Circle 1568, recently when the group met on Friday, Dec. 27, at the Foresters Hall.

Elected to serve with Mrs. Clare were Dorothy Bratton, chaplain; Marie Burns, sub-chief companion; Maye Robertson, recording secretary; Doris Danz, secretary; Clara Keown, treasurer; June Ellis, guide; Mary Garver, guide; Hazel Coombs, inner guard; Eva Kirk, outer guard; and Francis Leroy, Basil Clare and Evalyn Ceballo, trustees.

Dr. Herman Pepper was elected the circle physician and Ryans Drug Co. the circle druggist.

A Christmas party was held after the election at which gifts were exchanged and secret pals revealed.

Officers will be installed on Jan. 10, at an open meeting.

A Simple Ceremony

In a simple ceremony performed Tuesday at the home of the bride's parents, Carol Mayer of Burlingame and Erwin Eiger of Redwood City exchanged vows before the mantel of the Charles Walter Mayers home in Burlingame with Rabbi Bert A. Woythaler officiating.

The bride wore a light blue suit with an orchid corsage for the rites. The bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Eiger of Youngstown, O., came West for the wedding and Mr. Eiger performed best man duties.

The house was decorated with white flowers.

The newlyweds left tonight for Las Vegas and Los Angeles and on their return they will reside in Las Vegas.

The bride is a graduate of Montgomery High School in Silver Springs, Md. She has one sister, Gwenn. Erwin served for three and a half years overseas in the Pacific with the navy. He was graduated from Youngstown, O., schools.

Mrs. Tamulenas

At the regular business meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps held in Odd Fellows Hall on Friday, Mrs. Marie Tamulenas was elected to succeed Frances Hogan as president.

Elected to serve with Mrs. Tamulenas were Elouise Campbell, first vice president; Gertrude M. Rising, junior vice president; Edna Swift, treasurer; Anna Bennett Robb, chaplain; and Marie Lipp, guard.

Daisy Barteaux, past president of the corps, will be the installing officer on Jan. 10, when the new officers will take over their new duties. Mrs. Tamulenas will also select the appointive officers on that day.

It was also Mrs. Tamulenas' birthday last Friday and a birthday cake was served in her honor and to those members whose birthdays occurred in the last three months.

Highways In County Claim Toll

BY OTTO TALLENT

Bayshore Hwy. continued to be a bug-a-boo to motorists in San Mateo County during 1946, with 38 of the year's all-time high of 95 traffic fatalities occurring on that busy thoroughfare.

El Camino Real followed with 28 fatalities.

Fourteen persons were killed within incorporated cities (excluding Bayshore Hwy. and El Camino Real), and 15 persons were killed within unincorporated areas excluding Bayshore Hwy. and El Camino Real.

Almost half of the traffic fatalities — 44 to be exact — were pedestrians, according to figures broken down by Mrs. Bessie Hayes, executive secretary of the County Traffic Safety Commission.

"If accidents had increased at the same rate as our population growth, using 1941 as a base when we had 78 fatalities, we could expect 112 fatalities in 1946, using the population curve as a guide," the health statistics section of the County Dept. of Health and Welfare informed the safety commission.

"While automobile registration in San Mateo County has continued to grow it has grown at a much slower rate than the population. If we use automobile registration as a base, we could expect 90 deaths in 1946," the health statistics report continued.

This year's total number of traffic fatalities, with several hours yet to go, is three more than last year's previous all-time high of 92.

The number of traffic fatalities for the past six years in comparison to population:

Year	Estimated Population	Fatalities
1946	170,000	95
1945	159,900	92
1944	147,500	51
1943	137,000	62
1942	127,420	70
1941	118,570	78

The population figures are from the health and welfare department.

The 95 persons killed during 1946 were involved in 89 accidents. Six accidents caused two deaths each.

Six of the 1946 victims were 16 years of age and younger. Two were riding bicycles, two were killed at grade crossings (automobile and train collision), one was riding a motor scooter and one was riding a motorcycle.

Sixty-five of the fatal accidents occurred during hours of darkness or dusk. Forty of the pedestrians were killed during these hours.

January and December tied for the lead in fatalities by month with 13 each. October was the lowest month with five.

A Lovely Bride

At a Friday candlelight ceremony in the First Methodist Church of Burlingame, Valda Cardoza of Half Moon Bay was joined in marriage with Max Sowder of Los Altos. The Rev. Stanley E. Read of Half Moon Bay officiated.

Valda's wedding gown was one that she had designed and made herself. It was white marquisette and lace with a sweetheart neck. Her fingertip length veil, also her own creation, was of three-tiered tulle falling from a crown in the Mary Queen of Scots style. The bride carried bouvardia and white carnations centered with white vanda orchids.

Coming from South Pasadena to be her sister's matron of honor was Mrs. Patrick Fletcher, who wore a pink marquisette frock with a headpiece of pink carnations. Mrs. Fletcher carried pink carnations and snapdragons.

Earl Webb of Palo Alto stood with his friend as best man, and M. E. (Pat) Cardoza gave his daughter in marriage.

The Burlingame church was decorated with white snapdragons and chrysanthemums for the ceremony. John McIntosh of Burlingame was the organ soloist and John Phillips of San Jose State College was the vocal soloist. A reception followed the ceremony at Ada's Tavern in Burlingame, where 75 guests were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Sowder will make their home in Half Moon Bay after returning from a wedding trip in the High Sierra.

Valda is a graduate of Half Moon Bay High School, attended San Mateo Junior College and San Jose State College. She is now teaching at the Taylor Blvd. School in Millbrae.

Max attended Palo Alto schools and is a graduate of Half Moon Bay High School. He entered the navy after his graduation and served two years overseas before his discharge. The bridegroom has a brother, John Sowder of Redwood City, and two sisters, Mrs. George Richter of Los Altos and Mrs. Pauline Gravance of Half Moon Bay.

More Equipment

Youths working on the Redwood City 'teen-age canteen in the old Carnegie library building received a boost over the weekend in the form of donations of equipment from the Holmquist Hardware Co. H. E. "Rowdy" Holmquist told a delegation of youths who approached him for aid that "it wasn't so long ago that I was a 'teen-ager myself," and forthwith loaded a company truck with ladders, floor sanding machines, paint brushes, varnish, paint, sandpaper and other equipment needed in cleaning and repairing the venerable building for use as a canteen.

Boys and girls have been swarming all over the building the past few days, and a cloud of dust has floated out of the long-unused structure as brooms, hammers, sandpaper and paint have been applied by the "eager beavers."

Holmquist described the 'teen-agers as a "good bunch of kids," very appreciative of the help they have received. He pointed out however that much remains to be done, and that the kids will need outside assistance to "help them help themselves." He said that he hoped that other individuals and business concerns would cooperate in refinishing and furnishing the place.

Charles Swahl Thwarts Holdup Try

The courage of white-haired Charles Swahl was credited Tuesday by Police Sgt. E. G. (Pat) Fogarty with preventing an armed robbery.

Swahl, 1720 Middlefield Rd., was sweeping out Primo's Smoke Shop, 2074 Broadway, at 11:20 p.m. Monday when three men, two of them Mexicans, entered the store.

One Mexican, Swahl said, bought some candy and gave Swahl the money for it. When the shop keeper turned from the cash register he was looking into a pistol held in one of the men's left hand.

"This is a stick up," the bandit said.

Swahl kidded with the trio, saying he didn't believe them and then grabbed the weapon, bending it out of the young man's hand. Simultaneously one of the Mexicans reached across a store counter and belted Swahl over the head with an unknown object.

Dazed, the elderly store keeper sank to his knees calling for help. As the trio dashed for the door, Swahl picked up the nearest thing —a can of Dutch Cleanser — and threw it after them — a near miss.

Swahl, who Fogarty said was in his sixties, chased the trio west on Broadway and then north on Jefferson Ave., losing them at that point.

Nothing was taken from the smoke shop.

Swahl told police the two Mexicans were about 5-feet 5-inches and of a heavy build. He said each was between 24 and 25 years old.

The third man, he said, was approximately 5-feet 8-inches tall and weighed about 130 pounds.

Police were searching for the trio today.

P.A. Man Hit by Train At Calif. Ave.

Hit by the fast-moving southbound Southern Pacific Daylight at the California Ave. crossing in Palo Alto Monday at 8:56, Paul T. Carroll, 75, of 2295 Waverly St., Palo Alto was instantly killed.

His mangled body was hurtled through the air over the hoods of seven cars parked along the railroad right of way on the westerly side of the tracks, crashing through the front doors of the eighth, and coming to rest against a ninth car.

Neighbors said Mr. Carroll, owner of a hat shop in San Francisco and a newcomer to Palo Alto, was slightly deaf.

The train sped on, its engineer and fireman apparently unaware of what had happened.

Witnesses reported to police that they saw Mr. Carroll running across the tracks from the easterly to the westerly side, apparently intending to take the next commuter train, when the racing locomotive of the Daylight plunged over the crossing.

Some thought he had cleared the tracks, but others watched with horror as his body described a low arc over the parked cars, narrowly missing a palm tree, and then crashed through the doors of an automobile registered to E. W. Williams of Mountain View. The torso hit the adjacent automobile and broke a window before dropping beside the car.

Blood and parts of the body were scattered over all the automobiles except the one nearest the intersection.

Mr. Carroll had operated hat shops in the Bay Area since 1904, first as a chain and later at the present location, on Sutter St. in San Francisco. He was at one time prominent in athletics, holding the championship golf Club. He was a long time member of the Athens Athletic Club of Oakland.

At one time president, he had been for the past 10 years a director of the San Francisco Convention and Tourist Bureau, and was active in a number of civil organizations in San Francisco before coming to Palo Alto a few months ago.

The Carrolls moved here last August.

Mrs. Carroll, the widow, and their 3-year-old son Paul T. Jr. survive him. A daughter by a former marriage also survives but her address could not be learned today. The body is at the Tinney Funeral Home in Palo Alto pending funeral arrangements.

Welcome Guests

The Gorge F. Rudys welcomed their daughter, Mary Jane, and her husband, Robert Cauley, home for the Christmas holidays. Mary Jane and Robert were married on Nov. 4 in Reno and are now planning to make their home in Brookdale in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

The Rudys' other daughter, Josephine, and her husband, Gabriel Martin, who lives in Redwood City, also joined the family for Christmas.

The Rudys' new son-in-law, Robert, served for three years overseas in Germany with the 91st Cavalry Reconnaisance Group. He attended San Mateo Junior College. Mary Jane was graduated from Sequoia High School, San Mateo Junior College and San Jose State.

CHURCH REPAIRS START

Redecoration of the former Menlo Park Presbyterian Church parsonage, which is being converted into a youth center for Menlo Park, was started Tuesday by three young people, Robert Noller, Marilyn Ahlenius and Paul Hendrickson. They scrubbed and waxed floors, repainted and repaired electrical equipment.

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Their Own Canteen

Pretty much on their own, Redwood City High School youngsters are busy this week organizing a 'teen age canteen.

They've won through the city council a temporary headquarters in the old Carnegie Library Bldg. at Jefferson Ave. and Broadway. Use of the building was donated by W. E. Ayer and Albert Ichelson, owners.

But the rest of the work is going to be a student project. Next week a group of youths, headed by Gene DeWree, is going to start cleaning the structure. The building is going to be decorated, furniture and a juke box installed.

After that's done, the adolescents will stage social gatherings in the building—dances, games and eats. The dances will be run off the juke box music, the games will be installed on the first floor, and the city council has provided money with which to construct a small snack bar for food.

Back of all this is the idea that if adolescents have some place to go and some place to hold social functions in, the juvenile delinquency rate will dip.

And up until now there hasn't been too much for youngsters to do. Outside of the functions Sequoia High School handles and theaters, there is hardly a place a juvenile can enter legally on the Peninsula.

Sequoia has undertaken some programs but none of these can it handle on a regular basis through the week. The school maintains a full and complete athletic program for boys and, through Vice Principal Don Bogie's efforts, operates a social night Fridays. The rest of the week nights Sequoia facilities are pretty well monopolized by adults.

The Sequoia Night School runs a volleyball class Wednesday, a badminton class Thursday, and a few nights of industrial league basketball. These, while worthwhile projects, do not offer much to high school students.

The new project in the library will cover that field. And, if De Wree is correct in his estimation, it's going to be a student project.

He said that youths will handle all the work connected with the project and finance functions. Of course, he admits, they'll need help from their parents and friends.

Right now they need furniture. If any property owner has some used furniture, he'd like to donate, the youths will appreciate it if he'll let DeWree know by telephoning 3456-W. DeWree said that students will call for the old furniture and repair it so that it can be used.

Also needed is adult supervision. City councilmen stated flatly that they didn't anticipate any additions to the city payroll in the near future for recreation work. At the same time they insisted that the program at the center be supervised by adults at all times. They told DeWree they looked on the project as an experiment to see just what the youths could accomplish.

Already some adults have volunteered their services, but more qualified persons will undoubtedly be needed. In charge of the project, so far as the city is concerned, will be Elmer Ross, park and recreation commission chairman.

DeWree says that next week students will conduct their first meeting. At that time they'll form an organization to operate the canteen and to form a program. Admission to center functions, he said, would probably be by membership card.

He claimed that such a youth organization would be able to cope with its own police problems and to maintain a healthy atmosphere around the canteen.

Belle Miller

Mrs. Belle Miller, 80, mother of Melvin W. Miller of 530 Morey Dr., Menlo Park, died late Saturday afternoon at the Palo Alto Hospital where she had been taken after suffering a heart attack Thursday.

Mrs. Miller, whose home is in Berkeley, had been a guest at her son's home, participating in a family reunion which centered around Capt. Silas Miller, Pan American flier here for the holidays from his home in Bogota, Colombia.

Two of Mrs. Miller's four daughters were here for Christmas, Mrs. Dana Reed of Bakersfield and Mrs. Roy Reynolds of Los Angeles.

Alimony Fees

Malcolm A. Nicholls, former San Francisco paint executive, won't have to go to jail for contempt of court, but he will have to pay his wife $200 alimony, Superior Judge Edmund Scott ruled Monday.

The judge on Dec. 2 had told Nicholls to get himself a job on which he would make enough to pay his wife the $350 alimony granted in an interlocutory decree last August. Nicholls had fallen into arrears on the payments.

Monday Nicholls told the judge that he recently got a $50 a month raise in his new job as salesman for a Sacramento paint firm. He now makes $350, he said.

Judge Scott ordered that he pay the $200 for the support of Mrs. Marjorie C. Nicholls, and their two children. The judge also postponed action on the contempt of court proceedings to Feb. 24.

Mrs. Nicholls had been granted the divorce on grounds of extreme cruelty and adultery. The couple formerly lived in Millbrae.

Former RC Residents

The home service department of the Redwood City chapter, American Red Cross, had an urgent appeal today from the Navy Department in Washington to locate Fred H. or Ella T. Robinson, former Redwood City residents. Anyone having information as to their whereabouts was asked to contact the home service department of the Red Cross at RC 4750.

Wins Final Decree

Mrs. Maxine Miller Fuller of Hillsborough has been granted a final divorce decree from her husband, Dana L. Fuller, paint firm executive. The decree was granted by Superior Judge Aylett R. Cotton.

Under the terms of the decree, she gets custody of their 18-year-old son, Dana L. Jr., and $250 monthly for his maintenance.

Also incorporated into the decree was a separate agreement setting up a trust fund for Mrs. Fuller and giving her $500 monthly alimony.

Garden Tips

BY ROLLY LANGLEY

Maybe it's the Christmas influence. Anyway this business about deer keeps cropping up. Nimrods must read this column with blazing eyes. To go by what shows here, you'd think that deer are practically in a class with guinea pigs or gophers.

"I enjoyed your comments about deer," writes Donna Planz," but the suggestion of a fence made me laugh ruefully. Out in the country three of our nine acres are in orchard which is well fenced in. Deer, which easily jump the best of fences, killed two of our new little cherry trees, cleaned a 3-year-old avocado so that it looked like a new born babe, and nibbled at great length on some twenty young trees which we put in last Spring. Since we were living in town during the deer ecapades, we had no way of coping except to protect things after the damage was done. Next year, however, we will be living out there and if there is repetition, we intend to have venison, no matter what the season.

"So many Contra Costa people wrote you last Summer relative to watering their tomatoes. I grew Pearsons and with the exception of the initial watering when they were planted, these tomatoes were dry-farmed.

"I cultivated the soil around the plants frequently, and had the soil, in which the tomatoes were originally planted, well fertilized and cultivated to a depth of close to two feet.

"Soil in Contra Costa County contains so much adobe that it automatically retains moisture almost indefinitely. When sufficient humus has been added. It is workable soil as well as retentive of moisture. Many people out there had a sort of tomato blight last season, but my Pearsons came through perfectly and were not affected.

"We are 'Organic Gardening' minded and intend to use this method on all plants at the farm. We have compost "cooking" out there now, and have leveled off and fertilized a section about 30 feet by 60 for our vegetable garden.

"Other chores which we do by commuting out there this Winter are pruning some 150 trees, planting more citrus, and planting our berry patch."

Mrs. Pianz goes on to say that they have done all the work themselves, and are still novices. . . . However, I think her observations on adobe, and their plan of composting is good. Planting deciduous trees and berries now is right with the times.

I go along with "Organic Gardening" to the extent that all organic matter possible should be returned to the soil. But I can't agree that commercial fertilizers are harmful, or that they do no good. California agriculture would be in sorry plight if there were no commercial fertilizer. The same holds all over the country — including most backyards.

As for the fence against deer, naturally it must be high enough so they can't jump over it. And don't forget the night lamp, if the deer try to come in the backyard.

Donald Capen has a hibiscus which develops a profusion of buds, but they drop before flowering. In San Leandro, he should have no difficulty in protecting it from wind and cold. The soil should be rich and contain much humus. I'd try pinching off some of the buds, and spraying with one of the hormone powders on the market which help make thicker flower stems.

Cobaea scandena is a fast-growing evergreen vine that will quickly cover a four-foot fence such as Mrs. L. Green has. She wants one that will flower, so this one should please her. It's also called the cup and saucer vine. The flowers are bell-shaped, and sort of purplish with a tinge of green. The seeds can be sown any time now, for bloom in April and May. The vine should have full sun.

Youth Sentenced

A 21-year-old youth from Almagordo, N. M., who in November staged a one-man crime wave, Monday afternoon was sentenced to the state prison at San Quentin.

Raymond D. Stout was sentenced by Superior Judge Aylett R. Cotton. The term of imprisonment will be fixed by the California Adult Authority.

Stout had pleaded guilty to the holdup of a service station in South San Francisco on Nov. 22. He was arrested by South San Francisco police, who had been trailing him for speeding.

Under questioning, Stout admitted holding up Robert Spence, an attendant at the service station, with a German Luger automatic pistol. He obtained $90 in the robbery.

Stout also admitted having held up a drug store in San Francisco and a cab driver in Los Angeles. He said that he had stolen the car he used in the service station robbery from a motorist who had given him a ride near Long Beach.

Three Peninsulans Hurt

Three Peninsulans, en route to Boise, Ida., for the funeral of their father, Orson B. Wright, killed by an automobile Friday, were in a hospital at Lovelock, Nev., Tuesday after a three-car accident.

Max Wright of Burlingame suffered a deep head gash, while his sisters, Mrs. George A. Pulley and Mrs. Paul R. Fisher, both of San Jose, both suffered broken arms. The accident occurred Sunday night, relatives in Boise reported.

First Presents

First gift equipment for anew Redwood City 'teen-age canteen was received Saturday by Alfred Morton, city recreation director, from B. B. Berman, stationery store owner.

Berman donated the following brand new equipment:

A checkerboard, a table tennis set, a domino set, rummy cards, a checker set and a dozen table tennis balls.

The adolescents organizing canteen functions need game equipment and used furnituure to outfit the old Carnegie Library Bldg. which W. E. Ayer and Albert Ichelson, city business men, have permitted them to use until such time as the building will be torn down.

Those wishing to make donations should telephone Morton at RC 1500 or Gene DeWree at RC 3456-W.

The Prowler

ASSORTED THOUGHTS of a vagrant mind: Every business house, especially among stores, has its quota of customers whom the employes hate to see coming. In one place I know about, the custom was for all of the clerks to try to find something else to engage their attention as certain customers appeared. The last one got stuck to wait on the "crab." Store customers who are especially unwelcome are the kind that spend inordinate lengths of time demanding to see everything in the place when a tiny purchase is all that is contemplated; the kind that could not be satisfied with anything, and that would never admit that an article was desirable; the kind that acts on the assumtpion that the only way to get your full money's worth is to be as disagreeable as possible; the kind that can definitely be counted on to bring the goods back the next day; and the kind that is poor pay. . . . Nothing in the line of domestic comforts for a man can take the place of a leather-covered chair. . . . Rumor in supposedly well informed circles is that the interests that were behind the recently well-defeated dog track gambling initiative plan to make another try, despite the hard beating they took at the polls last November. . . . Thomas Babington Macauley wrote: "Nothing is so galling to a people, not broken in from the birth, as a paternal, or in other words, a meddling government, a government which tells them what to read and say and set and drink and wear."

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SIGN ON A ROADSIDE RESORT: "Hot Dishes Aid Cooled." . . .

If there are kids in your family, and there are certain things you have promised to do for them "some day," such as taking them to the zoo, or for a merry-go-round ride, or something similarly trivial from the adult standpoint, but vastly important to the youngsters, don't postponed doing so. Make a definite date for it right away, and do it. Those "some time" plans have such a habit of never being fulfilled. Time flits so fast, and there are long intervals when the matter escapes your mind completely. In the meantime, the youngsters are aging with each passing day. First thing you know, they will be too old for such things. If it is done, the occasion provides a bright spot in memory for the rest of their lives. . . . Some localities have a definite hospitality program for newcomers. Sioux Falls, S. D., for example, has a city hostess whose job consists in part of calling on all newcomers. A friendly hand stretched out to a newcomer can be of great importance in many cases. Many new arrivals in a town are acutely homesick, and too often they wait in vain for the older settlers to give them personal attention. . . . Letters continue to come from people elsewhere telling of someone who plans to come to the Peninsula, and the request is that we find a house for them. You can't blame those people for trying. But it is unreasonable for them to assume calmly that the established residents can find houses for newcomers even though no vacancies are at hand, and for them to consider you indifferent when you have to report back your regrets about your inability to do the impossible. . . . "The secret of happiness," said Bertrand Russell, "is this: let your interests be as wide as possible, and let your reactions to the things and persons that interest you be as far as possible friendly rather than hostile."

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"THINK OF YOUR FOREFATHERS! Think of your posterity! said John Quincy Adams. In fact, a good question to be pondered by some who prate endlessly and pridefully about their ancestry is whether their long-buried ancestors would have equal cause for pride in their descendants. . . . I note that the Arizona Wildcat, student newspaper at the University of Arizona, is advocating installation of a course in marriage in the curriculum. Since it is commonly assumed that the main purpose many co-eds have in enrolling in college is to find husbands, what would be more appropriate than such a course? . . . The state sales tax records indicate that the greatest volume of business in all taxable lines is done in restaurants and bars. First things thus come first. . . . "The way to procure insults is to submit to them," said William Hazlitt. "A man meets with no more respect than he deserves." Another sure way to incur insults is to hurl a few at others.

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ADDITION TO THE NAMES LIST: Beerman Auto Wreckers, in Cumberland, Md.

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FAMOUS LAST WORDS: "No new customers accepted."

Drunk Driving Fine

Police Judge W. H. (Bud) Thorpe Monday fined Alice M. Thrash, 48, 211 Pope St., Palo Alto, $150. The housewife had been arrested Monday night by Redwood City police on a charge of drunken driving.

She had been apprehended on Bayshore Hwy. near Main St. and was taken to the San Mateo County Jail.

Christen Stilleson

Christen Stilleson, 76, of 43 Finger Ave., a resident of Redwood City for 45 years, died Monday morning at a San Mateo hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Stilleson, a watchman for many years at the S. H. Frank Tannery here, was the father of Mura B. Stilleson, clerk in the court of Superior Judge Aylett R. Cotton; Maude B. Stilleson, Redwood City school teacher; Clarence R. Stilleson, Redwood City accountant, and Mrs. Bessie D. Vernall, whose husband, Thomas Vernall, is an employe of the city of Redwood City. He was the husband of the late Irene Stilleson.

Mr. Stilleson was a member of Embarcadero Camp 256, Woodmen of the World; Court Madrone 158, Foresters of America, and the Standard Life Assn.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Layng & Tinney Funeral Home. Interment will be at Alta Mesa Memorial Park.

Menlo Chamber

A rebirth meeting of the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Menlo Park City Hall.

The meeting was called by Duane S. Loughlin, secretary pro tem, at the suggestion of John A. Sullivan, Menlo Park citizen.

Officers and directors will be elected for the coming year.

The chamber has had a downward trend the past year and all the officers, elected pro tem, resigned two weeks ago. Sullivan objected, offered to take the task of reorganizing the agency on his own shoulders, and asked that the meeting be called.

He sugegsted that no dues be collected for 1947 and that the funds on hand be used instead.

"There is a real need for such an organization to keep Menlo Park among the cities of California," Sullivan declared.

Hits Airport Men

A $150,000 damages suit was filed in San Francisco Superior Court Friday against Philip Brehmer and William George, operators of Century Airlines at Bay Meadows Airport, by the widow of Paul Robart, flying instructor killed in a plane collision at the field Dec. 1.

The suit, filed in behalf of Mrs. Barbara Robart and her minor son, Linden Paul Robart, charges that Brehmer was guilty of negligence when the Cessna twin-engined plane he was piloting on a take-off swerved on the ground and crashed into the single engined Cessna being taxied by Robart. Robart died a few hours after the accident.

Jonathan Rowell, attorney for Mrs. Robert, Saturday said that an inquest in Robart's death will be held at the Franklin & &Crowe Mortuary Jan. 3.

2 Stolen Autos

Redwood City police reported recovery of two stolen automobiles.

A vehicle owned by Wilmer V. Bergman, Hotel de Redwood, was recovered by San Mateo County sheriff's deputies in the Dumbarton Oaks area. Stolen Dec. 26 from a parking spot near the Five Points Hotel, the car was stuck in a mud bog when found.

A car owned by Gaylord Ranson, Devonshire Blvd., San Carlos, was recovered by police in a parking lot off Commercial Way. It had been stolen Nov. 30 from a parking spot at Brewster Ave. and El Camino Real.

EIGHTY GUESTS ATTENDED a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Stout on Saturday night at 809 Harrison St. to congratulate their host and hostess on their 25th wedding anniversary. The basement social hall and living room were crowded with guests, who danced and participated in buffet refreshments.

New Bus Routes

Two new bus routes, serving the Friendly Acres area, and the Emerald Lake-Canada Rd.-Woodside districts will commence Jan. 7, R. F. Martin of the Martin Transportation Co. announced Monday.

The Friendly Acres route, to be called Route F, will run from the Redwood City depot down Broadway to Spring St. and on to Flood Park with stops at 2nd Ave., Page Rd., Marsh Rd., Bay Rd., Flood Park, and back via Marsh Rd., Fairoaks Ave., Dumbarton Ave., 5th Ave., Bay Rd., 2nd Ave., Spring St., Broadway and the depot. The run will start with 12 trips daily.

The Woodside route, Route E, will go out Hopkins Ave. from the depot, will proceed to Oak Knoll Dr. past the Lower Lake and across the dam to Vista Dr. and up Jefferson Ave. to Canada Rd. From the Canada Rd. the bus will go through Woodside to the Woodside Rd. and on to Main St., Broadway and the depot.

Call service off this route to Mt. Home Rd., Searsville Lake, Whiskey Hill Rd. and all other small drives will be a feature of the route.

Parking Meter

Installation of Redwood City parking meters will get underway probably on Friday, S. E. Keenen, Park-O-Meter Corp., representative said Monday.

Keenan was in conference at the city hall with City Mgr. E. W. Blom Monday concerning the sites for the new meters.

He said that 504 meters have already arrived in Redwood City and that he hopes to have them all in operation by Jan. 15.

Services of a contractor to install poles for the meters to rest on will have to be obtained, he continued. As soon as that job is completed, work will start.

The meters, approved by the city council, will take either pennies or nickles and will be used to ease the parking jam on down town Redwood City streets.

Stolen Automobile

An automobile belonging to Matthew Sousa, 1712 Milton St., was stolen and recovered over the weekend, Redwood City Police Lt. S. D. Wood said Monday.

The vehicle was taken from a parking spot at Broadway and Hamilton St. Saturday evening and recovered, abandoned, on Franklin St. Sunday morning.

RC Man Jailed

Joseph Roy Hamilton, 20, 322 Chestnut St. was in the county jail Monday charged with brglary following his arrest by San Francisco police Saturday as a suspected accomplice in the attempted burglary of the Carlos Food Market Dec. 23.

A second accomplice, Alfred Bundy, 27, of San Francisco, arrested at the same time, is being held by San Francisco police on a gun violation.

Donald Moncrief

Appearance of Santa Claus and the award of the den chief insignie vied for top honors at the last Cub Pack 15 meeting.

Donald Moncrief, chief of Den 2, was given the insignie as a reward for his accomplishments during 1946.

Santa had Christmas stockings for each Cub present, and he also distributed presents made by the parents.

Members of the pack joined in singing carols.

The John Gill PTA provided refreshments.

The next meeting was set for Jan. 24.

Don Alford Dies

Funeral services will be held on Thursday for Don Alford, well-known Belmont real estate operator, who died Monday in Santa Cruz Hospital after a three-day confinement.

Mr. Alford, who had resided at 787 Elm St., San Carlos, for more than a quarter of a century, was 65 years of age. He was born in Laurence, Kan., and was graduated from the University of Kansas in the same city.

He leaves his wife, Jessie Morton Alford, two daughters, Mrs. Charlotte Stone and Jessie Morton Alford; two sisters, Mrs. William Belden, Mrs. Elias Sellards; a brother, Theodore Alford; and a granddaughter, Elizabeth Diane Stone.

Sings With Choir

The name of one of the singers in the Redeemer Lutheran Church choir which sang Monday at the Nativity Scene on Broadway was listed by church officials as Robert Bendeich and appeared that way in that night's Tribune.

This is the surname of the boy's maternal grandparents. His name should have read: Robert Chastain.

Knights Templar

Walter C. Goodman of Redwood City was installed as commander of the Palo Alto Commandery No. 47, Knights Templar, during a meeting of the organization at the Masonic Temple in Palo Alto Friday night.

Goodman, who succeeds John Thomas Ward of Sunnyvale, had been elected on Dec. 5. George L. Edmondson of San Francisco, past grand commander of the state lodge, was installing officer.

Other officers installed for 1947 are:

Redwood City — Royal Hodge, captain general; Fred W. Carbine, senior warden; Lambert H. Thoen, third guard; Earl V. D'Artaies, second guard; Raymond E. Littrell, first guard.

Palo Alto — Leroy E. Taylor, prelate; Clement E. Jordan, treasurer; Frank L. Drew, recorder; Harry G. Polley, sword bearer; Alfred B. Carson, warder; Orlando L. Stephenson Jr., sentinel; George H. Mayer, organist.

Hadley H. Ward of San Mateo was installed as generalissimo; Waldo E. Smith of Atherton as junior warden, and Edward Nickerson of Burlingame as standard bearer.

Double H Boys to Sing

Harold and Henry Gragg of Woodside, better known throughout the Bay Area as the "Double H Boys" will be heard on Budda's program over station KFRC on the evening of Jan. 4 between 8 and 9 o'clock, according to an announcement made Tuesday.

They are scheduled to sing a new composition entitled "California Sweetheart," words and music written by Alta Brown Chittenden of Woodside, which was recently published by "Rhythms of the West."

Mrs. Chittenden has a large collection of original songs to her credit, among them a large part bearing typical western theme. She is well known here as the organizer of the Harmony Clan and for her American folk music lectures.

Unsold Trees

What is so rare as a day in June? And what is so forlorn as a Christmas tree lot the "morning after?"

This week several hundred unsold trees languishing in lots around town will be carted off and burned — even the ones advertised as fireproof.

The same thing will happen to clusters of red berries, wreaths and branches of greenry remaining. Nobody wants them.

The tree salesmen have left town, and the job of cleaning up the lots falls to a man who has contracted for the task.

Also on the surplus list are bunches and bunches of mistletoe. There ought to be a use for some of these, anyway.

RC Gets Proofreader

Redwood City may be the place with the climate best by government test, but it doesn't produce proofreaders.

When E. W. (Ned) Butler, Chamber of Commerce manager, Tuesday requested Arthur Balsamo, of the city engineering department, to redesign a large membership card. Balsamo found that all of last year's cards were printed "Chamber of Commerce."

The wall cards had been posted all through 1946 in chamber members' offices, but today was the first time that anybody had noticed the misprint. Or, at least, it was the first time anybody had told Butler about it.

MR. AND MRS. KULLMAN SALZ of Durlston Rd., entertained Mrs. Salz' niece, Mrs. Waldo Dunlap, Mr. Dunlap and two children, Marlene and Donald, over the Christmas holidays. The Dunlaps are from Idaho. On Christmas Day they all journeyed to Pittsburg to have dinner with the T. A. Sailings. Mrs. Sailing is Mrs. Salz' sister and Mrs. Dunlap's mother.

A Mother's Reply

Mrs. William Morris, mother of 23-year-old Alfred Morris, who Thursday afternoon was found dead of a bullet wound, Saturday denied that her war veteran son was the man who raped Mrs. Mary Thomas in her North Palo Alto home on Dec. 11.

Mrs. Morris Saturday said that her son did not answer a description given to sheriff's officers by Mrs. Thomas. The man had been described as about 45 years old, and as having talked with a foreign accent.

The mother of the dead man, who was listed as a suicide, said that she and the youth's father were with him at the time of the attack. Mrs. Thomas was attacked about 5 o'clock in the morning.

Meanwhile, Chief Dep. Sheriff Walter Moore said Saturday that he was satisfied Morris was the man who had raped Mrs. Thomas.

"Mrs. Thomas positively and without hesitation identified him," said Moore. "On the strength of that identification, I would have arrested him if he had been alive."

Moore also said that while Morris was only 23, he looked much older.

Moore said he believed that Morris committed suicide because he felt the police investigation of the rape drawing close to him.

Mrs. Morris laid the cause of her son's suicide to a head injury suffered by him in the service.

John Ryan Elected

Directors of the Redwood City Chamber of Commerce Monday night elected John E. Ryan, Redwood City druggist, president of the organization for 1947. Ryan succeeds Ray Spangler, publisher of the Tribune.

Ryan is the son of the late Peter A. Ryan who established the Ryan Drug Store in Redwood City in 1896. He has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board for three years, is past president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, director of the Redwood City Community Chest, chief ranger of the Foresters of America, director of the retailers' section of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Eagles.

He is a native of Redwood City and attended Sequoia High School. He is a graduate of the college of pharmacy, University of California. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan live at 1118 Whipple Ave.

Cuthbert B. Currie, attorney, was elected vice president, succeeding Francis Britschgi.

The board extended a vote of thanks to retiring Directors Kenneth L. Bowen, Britschgi, and Past President Teddy Lauman, member of the board for six years who attended 71 of 72 meetings called during that time.

The board also expressed its thanks to Treasurer Randell Cathcart. The 1947 treasurer will be T. N. Thompson of the First National Bank.

Newly elected members of the board who took office last night were Jerry Towne, Henry Maier and C. G. Uhlenberg. Ryan was re-elected. Spangler serves as ex-officio member for one year.

First act of the new board was to reappoint E. W. Butler as manager.

A Jurist Speaks

The drive to have a mandatory five-day jail sentence made part of the state law against driving while intoxicated got a surprising dissent Tuesday from Judge Francis W. Murphy.

The San Mateo jurist said in an interview that he believes it unwise to take away from courts their discretionary powers to sentence those found guilty of drunk driving.

Judge Murphy has gained a wide reputation for his policy of doing just what would be mandatory under the proposed amendment—giving drunk drivers five days in jail.

He believes all judges should follow the same policy.

"But," says the judge, "there are bound to be exceptions."

He admitted he rarely finds that exception and a search of recent records fails to disclose any convicted drunk driver in San Mateo who hasn't been sentenced to jail.

For an example of the exception, Judge Murphy recalled the case before his court some time ago of the mother of two children.

She was just learning to drive and on the same day she was arrested, had a "snootful." In the mixture of alcohol and inexperience she drove over two or three lawns, doing some damage.

In this case, Judge Murphy believed five days in jail would have been an injustice to the children and mother and out-of-line with the seriousness of the crime. He did, however, issue a stiff fine and a long suspension of the right to drive.

This discretion, he believes, should continue to be vested in the courts.

But he would still like to see judges up and down the highways impose the jail term, except in rare "exceptional" cases.

From where he sits, it looks to Judge Murphy as if such a policy saves lives, in the long run.

Also, because people of means can pay a fine without hurt to themselves whereas a $250 fine is more than a month's salary to others, the jail sentence is fairer than fines, the judge says.

Injured RC Man

Robert Plande, 568 Avenue del Oro was in Palo Alto Hospital recovering from a cut cheek and lip suffered Sunday at his home.

Police Chief C. L. (Mickey) Collins said that when police arrived at the scene the fight had ended and that Plande had refused to identify his assailant or to press charges.

Harold Vreeburg

Capt. Harold H. Vreeburg, recently discharged to inactive duty in the reserve corps, has returned to Redwood City, and is living with his mother, Mrs. H. Vreeburg at 53 Finger Ave.

Captain Vreeburg returned to this country in April and was stationed at Cassel Field, Merced. He served 19 months overseas with the 8th Air Force in England and Germany as a B-17 pilot.

He was awarded the Air Medal, the Purple Heart, the European Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal and German Occupation Ribbon.

A graduate of Sequoia High School in 1938, Captain Vreeburg now plans to attend college under the GI Bill of Rights.

He is the brother of Walter Vreeburg and Mrs. Frank Cary.

The Contest Winners

In spite of the scarcity of lights and necessary equipment, outdoor Christmas decorations in Redwood City residential districts took on an unexpected brilliance this year, as citizens competed in the first Lions Club contest since before the war.

Following a final round of inspection last night by the contest judges, winners were announced today as follows:

First place was won by Emil Muller of 2520 Jefferson Ave., consecutive winner in prewar contests. Muller's many blue lighted Christmas trees and cathedral with stained lighted windows over which a single star stands out brightly will win the first place trophy, said Joe Goularte, contest chairman Saturday.

Second place went to T. W. Cutting, 52 Myrtle St., who placed two modernistic reflector lighted trees in either side of his walk. Frosted windows and icicles hanging from the eves complete the winter scene.

Third place winner, Arthur Gillard, 1829 Jefferson Ave., featured a church on the lawn with changing colored lights and lights on the house.

Fourth place went to L. C. Rowen, 37 Turnsworth Ave., and fifth to Martin Mohr, 904 Arlington Rd. Also mentioned were the Allan Tuxfords at 2736 Devonshire and the Frank Fageners at 964 Blandford Blvd. The judges also made special comment on the 200 and 300 block on Nevada St., which, they said, was beautifully lighted.

Trophies or cash awards will be made as soon as the cups can be inscribed, it was announced.

The contest was presented this year in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce campaign to promote better Christmas decorations in Redwood City. It is expected that the contest will be presented again next year by the Lions Club.

The committee, headed by Goularte, included George Rose, president of the Lions Club, Dr. A. J. Fromm, Miss Wilhelmina Harper and Mrs. Lois Brown.

Santas Removed

Santa Claus pictures and garlands started coming down from Redwood City electroliers Monday as the Christmas season came to an end.

E. W. (Ned) Butler, chamber of commerce manager, said that as soon as possible firemen would also remove the colored lights from city streets.

All materials used in street decoration this year, including the Central School Nativity Scene, will be stored for use next season, Butler said.

Our County Growth

Population of San Mateo County is at a new high, with 175,000 people estimated to be in the county as of Jan. 1, 1947, California Taxpayers' Assn. said Monday in its annual estimate of population of California counties.

Final estimate of the population of the county for a year ago is 170,000 the association said. For January, 1945, the estimate was 173,000. The April, 1940, federal census showed 111,782 people in the county. The 1947 estimate shows a gain of 63,200 people or 57 per cent from the census.

Population of the entire state is estimated at 9,420,000 for January, 1947. Final revised estimate for January, 1946, showed 9,220,000 people in California. The April, 1940, census found 6,907,387 people in the state. Estimates of California's population for the intervening years are: 1941, 7,070,000; 1942, 7,425,000; 1943, 7,795,000; 1944, 8,373,080; 1945, 8,917,000. The 1947 estimate shows an increase of 2,512,600 people, or 36 per cent since the 1940 census.

Biggest percentage increases in population since the 1940 census are in Contra Costa County, up 199 per cent, and Solano County, up 129 per cent.

Counties which show a gain of 40 per cent or more since the 1940 census include: Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Lake, Madera, Marin, Monterey, Napa, Riverside, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Solano, Stanislaus, Tulare and Yuba.

The taxpayers' population estimates are primarily based on the number of children enrolled in the elementary grades of the public schools. Employment records, special censuses of cities, etc., are also taken into consideration.

Police Arrest 3 Men

Redwood City Police Sgt. Sylvester Douglas apprehended three men Tuesday while police were searching for three men who Monday night attempted to rob Primo's Smoke Shop.

The three men the sergeant picked up at 816 Main St. turned out not to be the triot sought, but they also turned out to be three pinsetter's who didn't carry draft cards.

All were booked at the San Mateo County jail en route to the Marshal. They told Douglas they lived at 2116 Broadway.

Arrested were Mac Rael Barnson, 34; Jack E. Flaherty, 18, and Willis M. Wallich, 30.

As fast as labor and materials permit, this Company is rushing work on its vast $160,000,000 three-year expansion program in Northern and Central California.

Expenditures in 1946 will reach about $40,000,000. During 1947 and 1948 the number of dollars going to work should increase to $60,000,000 per year.

These improvements are like a giant yardstick measuring up the future. They give assurance of an unfailing supply of electricity for agricultural, industrial, commercial and home users.

Here is a multi-million dollar spending program that puts no financial burden on the general public. It is financed by thousands of stock and bond holders who have invested their savings in this enterprise. It is tax producing. It is an all-around good deal for you and your community.

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